

## Bug Light Goes Modern

At age 112, it's time for Bug Light to be replaced. More formally known as Duxbury Pier Light, the structure is scheduled to come down this summer.

Built in 1871, Bug Light is located on the north side of the main channel to Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury. Its light has a range of 6 miles to aid boaters and it flashes red every 5 seconds.

Coast Guard officials say Bug Light, a metal structure known as a spark plug light, has deteriorated to a point where maintenance is too costly.

What will be put in its place is a 33-foot high tower made of 7 levels of molded, fiberglass plates, a replica of the Deer Island light constructed last summer. The tower will use computer simulated stress tests to ensure its endurance in rough weather. The new lighthouse is low in maintenance and is economical.

The replacement project is expected to take about 5 weeks.

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